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## EDITORIAL

# Editorial

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In 2005, Jan Wójcik assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief for *Acta Theriologica*, and after 8 years of leading the journal, he has now handed the editorship over to me. On behalf of the entire Editorial Board, I would like to express our gratitude for his valued contributions throughout this period. I particularly appreciated the smooth and successful transfer of the journal to Springer in 2010/2011, which makes my current task much easier. Under Jan Wójcik's leadership as an Editor-in-Chief, the citation impact reached its highest level ever, and *Acta Theriologica* is now among the most significant periodicals dedicated to mammal research.

Thirty years ago, when I joined the researchers at the Mammal Research Institute in Białowieża to participate in the studies of small mammals, I could not have imagined that this place would become my second (and sometimes only) home. My work for *Acta Theriologica* is therefore not only a job but also a vital part of my life. My current research covers various aspects of mammalian biology—ecology, evolution, physiology, genetics and behaviour. Since its inception, *Acta Theriologica* has encompassed a broad range of topics, and as Editor-in-Chief, I intend to further encourage this practice. I am always surprised to find old papers with data supporting current ideas and hypotheses. As a new Editor-in-Chief, I will continue to promote studies combining different approaches, and I intend to expand the scope of the journal to include emerging topics in mammal ecology and genetics.

Professor August Dehnel, the founder of *Acta Theriologica*, and his successor Professor Zdzisław Pucek

were not only excellent editors but also eminent scientists, and I am honoured to continue their mission. Being Editor-in-Chief for a journal with an almost 60-year-long tradition is a challenging task. I will do my best to preserve this tradition while simultaneously making the journal more attractive for new generations of scientists. For many younger scientists, the term *Acta* holds a completely different meaning and *Theriologica* does not mean much at all. Consequently, we plan to change the name of the journal in the near future, a task for which I will count on the creativity of our readers. My primary task will be to increase the international visibility of *Acta Theriologica* as a modern journal and to encourage young and experienced researches alike to publish with us.

The members of our Editorial Board cover a wide range of fields, which comprise different groups of mammals and a range of research techniques. We will continue our policy of reviewing promising and well-written manuscripts that are within the scope of the journal. Moreover, we will do our best to offer assistance with suitable manuscripts presenting well-designed and cutting-edge studies. In this regard, we will give priority to review and synthesis papers and topics of general interest. With the support of our international team of editors, I am confident that we will be able to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

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